

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes of Board Meeting held March 6, 2007

A business meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Paxton Township was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Chairman William B. Hawk on the above date in the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Supervisors present in addition to Mr. Hawk were: William C. Seeds, Sr., William L. Hornung, Gary A. Crissman, and David B. Blain.

Also in attendance were George Wolfe, Township Manager; Steve Stine, Township Solicitor; Dianne Moran, Planning and Zoning Officer; and Mark DiSanto, Triple Crown Corporation.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Seeds led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Seeds made a correction to the January 16, 2007 business meeting minutes. He noted that on page nine, line eight should be corrected to state "Town Square" instead of "Township Square". With that correction he made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2007 business meeting. Mr. Crissman seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote followed.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment presented.

**Chairman & Board Members' Comments**

Mr. Hornung explained that he recently purchased a home in the Township and was amazed to know that his real estate tax bill of \$6,800, only \$200 of the tax went to the Township. He noted that, in light of the recent snow storm, he was dismayed at the amount of abuse Township staff had to put up with, noting how little a resident's tax funds actually go to the Township.

Mr. Hornung commended the members of the Public Works Department that worked the long hours during the February 14<sup>th</sup> snow event. He noted that they did an excellent job under the conditions, and the Township Public Works Department does it for very little money.

Mr. Hornung explained that the Township is in dialogue with a Committee that desires to raise fund for a Skate Board Park. He noted that the Committee will need to raise \$300,000 to start the complex. He suggested that the facility will be one of the best in the state, will host competitions, and he is very excited about the project.

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Township's Curbside Leaf Waste Program is open for enrollment for the 2007 leaf waste season. He explained that leaf waste includes anything that grows in the yard except for grass. He noted that grass is a trash material that is not acceptable for compost, and can be put out with the normal solid waste. He noted that the program allows participants to dispose of unlimited leaf waste quantities twice a month. He noted that the compost material is deposited at the Township's facility on Conway Road. He stated that the program runs from April until the middle of December, to include the collection of Christmas trees the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week in January 2008. He explained that the cost to participate in this program is \$70 per household, and residents who desire to participate in the program are encouraged to call the Township Municipal Center.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Parks and Recreation Department, at the Friendship Center (FC), will sponsor the annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 31, 2007. Pre-registration is required.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Easter Egg-stravaganza will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2007 at Brightbill Park at 1:00 p.m. He explained that there will be Easter Egg Hunts for various age groups, age two to ten. He noted that this event usually attracts a very large crowd.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Appointments to the Township Boards**

Mr. Hawk nominated Tom George Sr. and Cathy Stone for a five-year term to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Hawk noted that the Township receives applications for the various committees, and attempts to fill the positions based on qualifications and experience. Mr. Hawk nominated Tim Murphy to fill a vacancy for a one-year term and Frank Mesaros for a two-year term to the Recycling Committee, and Greg Shrum to fill a five-year position for the Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Hornung seconded the nominations, and a unanimous vote followed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Preliminary/final subdivision plan approval for 1525 Blue Mountain Parkway**

Ms. Moran explained that this plan proposes the subdivision of four lots at 1525 Blue Mountain Parkway. The property is located at the northeast intersection of Blue Mountain Parkway and St. Thomas Court. The property is zoned AR, Agricultural Residential District, consists of 10.292 acres and will be served by public sewer. Lots one, two, and three propose groundwater wells, and lot four proposes public water.

Ms. Moran noted that on November 8, 2006, the Lower Paxton Township Planning Commission recommended approval of the plan. Ms. Moran noted that the applicant has requested four waivers, and staff supports all four waivers, noting that it requests the applicant to add a note to the plan to indicate the difference in elevation between the USGS and Municipal Authority Datum. She noted that staff comments, Dauphin County Planning Commission comments, and HRG, Inc. comments are included with the plan.

Mr. Seeds questioned if the location for the lots should be the southeastern intersection and not the northeastern intersection. Ms. Moran noted that that was correct. Mr. Seeds noted that for the third waiver request, the plans should be provided to the Dauphin County Conservation District and not the Dauphin County Planning Commission.

Mr. Crissman questioned Mr. DiSanto if he was in agreement to adding a note to the plan for waiver two. Mr. DiSanto answered that he agreed to this. Mr. Crissman questioned if Mr. DiSanto agreed to the waiver to provide the erosion control plan to the Dauphin County Conservation District if it is agreed that they would not require a formal review or permitting. Mr. DiSanto noted that his engineer, Mr. Mellott, spoke with representatives from the Dauphin County Conservation District, and they stated that they would put in writing that they do not need to review the plan. Mr. Crissman questioned Ms. Moran if this was acceptable by staff. Ms. Moran answered that it was.

Mr. Crissman questioned if Mr. DiSanto was agreeable to all the waivers and the eight staff comments. Mr. DiSanto answered that he was in agreement to the waivers and staff comments.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to accept the preliminary/final subdivision plan for 1525 Blue Mountain Parkway noting the four waiver requests and eight general conditions: 1) Waiver of the requirement to provide a preliminary plan; 2) Waiver to provide USGS Datum if a note is added to the plan to indicate the difference in elevation between the USGS and Municipal Authority Datum; 3) Waiver of the requirement to provide erosion control plans to Dauphin County Conservation District if there is evidence to support that they do not require a formal review or permitting; 4) Waiver of the requirement to provide a hydrogeologic study; 5) Plan approval shall be subject to the payment of fee-in-lieu for the newly created lots, \$2300 times four lots; 6) Plan approval shall be subject to providing original seals and signatures; 7) Plan approval shall be subject to the payment of engineering review fees; 8) Plan approval shall be subject to the establishment of an improvement guarantee for the proposed site improvements; 9) Plan approval shall be subject to the Dauphin County Conservation District's review of the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan; 10) Plan approval shall be subject to DEP's approval of a sewage facilities planning module; 11) Plan approval shall be subject to Lower Paxton

Township Sewer Department's review and approval of the sanitary sewer design; and 12) Plan approval shall be subject to addressing all comments of Jim Snyder's memo dated February 26, 2007.

Mr. Blain seconded the motion, and Mr. Hawk called for a roll call vote: Mr. Blain, aye; Mr. Crissman, aye; Mr. Hornung, aye, Mr. Seeds, aye, and Mr. Hawk, aye.

#### Resolution 07-16; Planning Module for Townes at Autumn View

Ms. Moran explained that the agenda was incorrect, and the planning module is for the Townes at Autumn View. She explained that the plan proposes an 18 unit townhome community, The Townes at Autumn View. She noted that the property is a 3.61 acre tract of R-2 zoned land located on the east side of Griffin Street, between Warren Avenue and Jerome Boulevard. The community will be a condominium development composed of one (1) single lot held in common ownership. The proposed street and stormwater facilities will be privately owned and maintained by the Autumn View Condominium Association. All units will be served by public sewer and public water. She explained that the development's proposed gravity sewer system shall tie into an existing public sewer located on Griffin Street. The project is estimated to generate 18 EDUs, and all of the site's sewage would be conveyed, via gravity sewer, to the existing Swatara Township Water Pollution Control.

Ms. Moran noted that the Planning Module is complete and awaiting Township approval for submission to the Department of Environmental Protection Agency.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-16, the Planning Module for the Townes at Autumn View.

Mr. Seeds seconded the motion, and Mr. Hawk called for a roll call vote: Mr. Blain, aye; Mr. Crissman, aye; Mr. Hornung, aye, Mr. Seeds, aye, and Mr. Hawk, aye.

#### **IMPROVEMENT GUARANTEES**

There were no Improvement Guarantees.

### **Payment of Bills**

Mr. Seeds made a motion to pay the bills of Lower Paxton Township and Lower Paxton Township Authority. Mr. Crissman seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote followed.

### **Announcement**

Mr. Blain provided an update on the actions by the members of the Central Dauphin School District Municipalities in regards to the Capital Tax Collection Bureau (CTCB). He noted that, as of today, seven of the eight entities have passed their resolutions regarding the CTCB issues, noting that the Borough of Dauphin has yet to take any action. He noted that the resolutions have been forwarded to Mr. Harbeson, Executive Director of CTCB.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Hornung made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Blain seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Heberle

Approved by,

Gary A. Crissman  
Township Secretary